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Introduction

Preparation: Make the adjustments that will help you win the race. Go with 140 liters of gas. That will lighten the car some. For better control when making the turns, raise the wings a bit. Not too much, though—you're a good driver who can handle even difficult curves. You'll be using the high grip tires anyway, so there's no need to worry about slipping. Time to go out on the track for the start of your first Formula-1 race at Hockenheim.

Racing: The pedal's floored. There go the green lights. As the engine screams at over 6,000 rpm, you begin to pass a few of the slower cars. It's a great day for a race, but you don't really have time to enjoy the weather. You're focused on the road ahead, and the eight laps which stand between you and the championship.

Winning: You're on the final lap, seconds away from the finish line. But you've got company, and he's been there all day, trading off first place with you. You hit the infamous hairpin turn with him on your right. Letting off the accelerator just briefly, you push the pedal to the floor when coming out of the turn. Perfect execution. He's not so lucky, and falls behind. The checkered flag waves as you cross the finish line. Victory is yours!



Setting Up

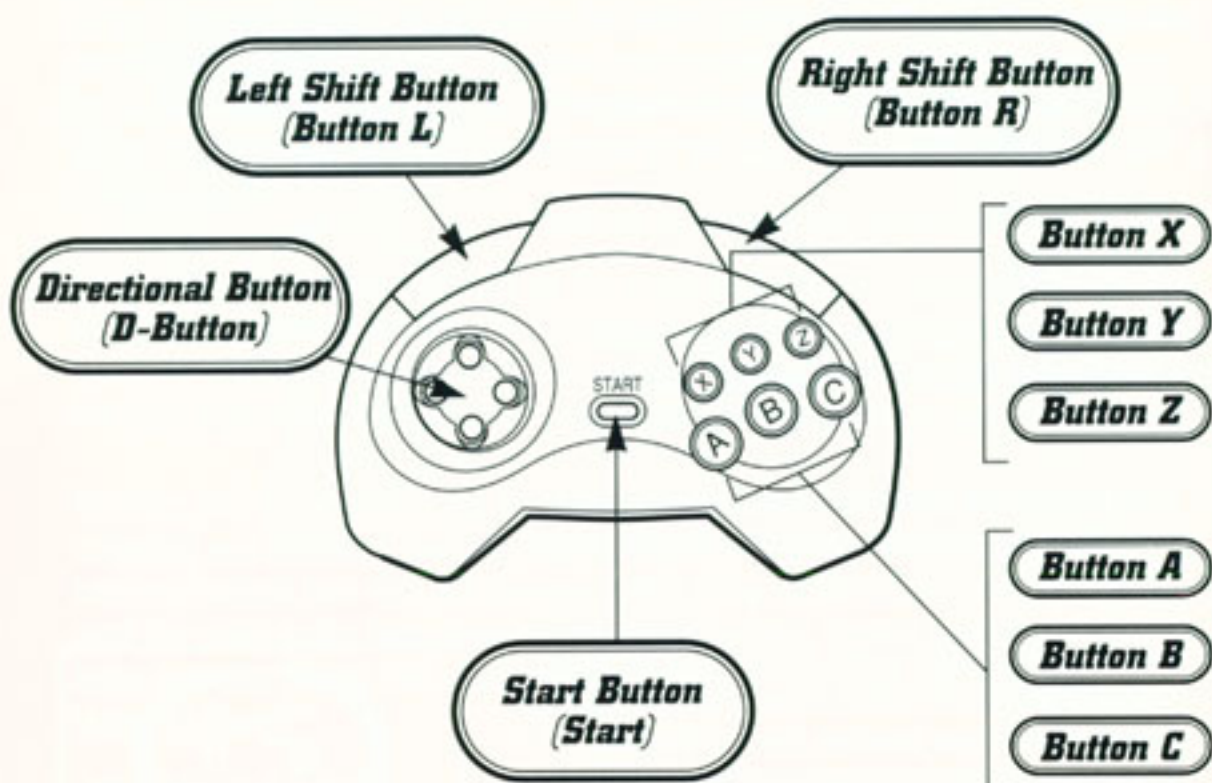
1. Set up your Sega Saturn system and plug the Control Pad into CONTROL PORT #1.
2. With the power switch OFF, insert the *F1 Challenge*TM disc into the disc tray.
3. Turn on your TV or monitor, and then turn on the Sega Saturn system.
4. After the Sega, Sega Sports, and Formula-1 World Championship logos, the *F1 Challenge* game intro begins. Watch Jean Alesi's Ferrari tear up the road.
5. After the intro, the game title screen appears. You can press **Start** during the intro to bring up the title screen. Press **Start**.
6. From the *Mode Select* screen, select one of the racing modes or access the *Options* screen. Press the **Confirm Button** to make your selection. See the *Gameplay Modes and Options* descriptions starting on page 6 for more details.

If nothing happens on screen when you start up, turn the power switch to OFF. Check your Sega Saturn system. Make sure the disc is properly inserted in the console. Turn the power switch ON again.

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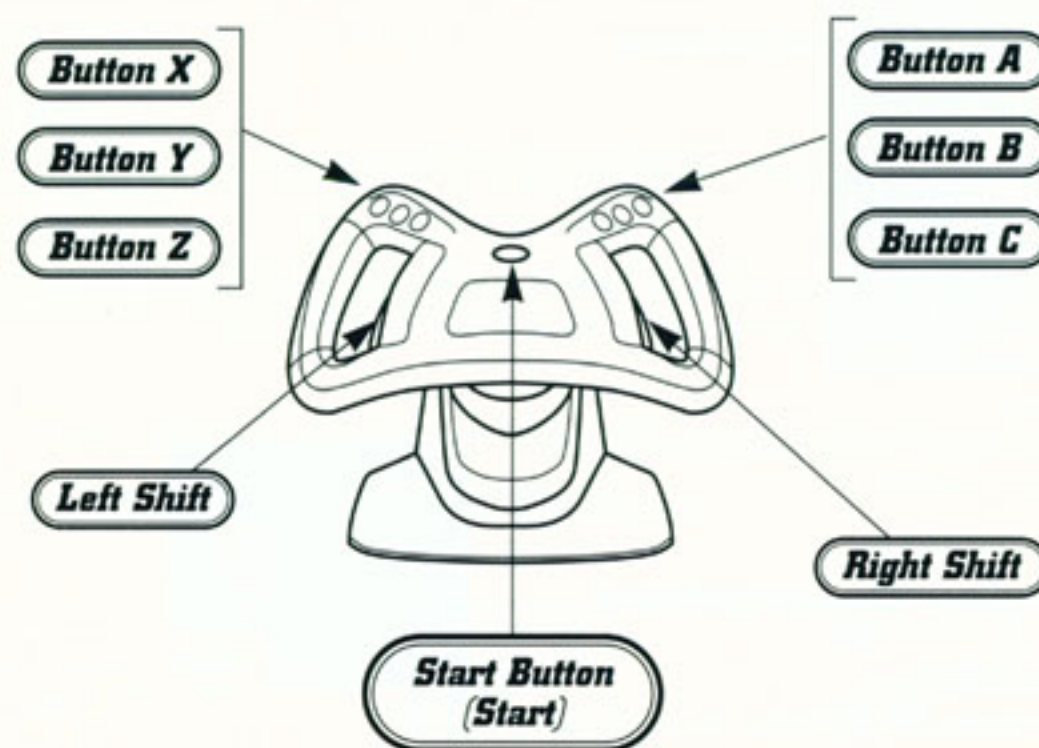
Gameplay Controls



Sega Saturn Control Pad

CONTROL	FUNCTION	DURING PLAY
Start*	Makes selections	Pauses game; resumes play
D-Button	Moves highlighter	Steers car
Button A*	Makes selections	Makes car brake
Button B	Returns to previous screen	Makes car accelerate
Button C*	Makes selections	Makes car brake
Button X	No Function	Changes game screen view
Button Y	No Function	See Rear Mirror , page 9
Button Z	No Function	Changes game screen view
Button L	No Function	Shift down
Button R	No Function	Shift up

* In this manual, **Start** and **Buttons A** and **C** are referred to as the "Confirm Button." The button functions listed are the default settings. To change the button functions see **Key Config.**, page 7.



Sega Saturn Arcade Racer

CONTROL	FUNCTION	DURING PLAY
Start*	Makes selections	Pauses game; resumes play
Steering Wheel	Moves highlighter left/right	Steers car
Left/Right Shift	Moves highlighter up/down	Shifts gear down/up
Button A*	Makes selections	Makes car brake
Button B	Returns to previous screen	Makes car accelerate
Button C*	Makes selections	Makes car brake
Button X	No Function	Changes game screen view
Button Y	No Function	See Rear Mirror , page 9
Button Z	No Function	Changes game screen view

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Gameplay Modes & Options

Mode Descriptions

Arcade Mode

6 courses in all! 23 computer-controlled cars and 8 laps stand between you and victory.

Time Attack

Step into your car and race as long as you want. Take the opportunity here to perfect your driving and lower your lap time. No rivals, and no lap limit—just you and the road.

Options

Change difficulty levels, check fastest times, or configure controller.

Option Descriptions

Record Time

Press **Button A** or **C** to access this option. The top 5 times for *Arcade Mode* are listed at the top, and the top 5 times with Split Times for *Time Attack* are displayed at the bottom. Press the **D-Button** LEFT or RIGHT to select another course. When finished, press the **Confirm Button** or **Button B** to return to the *Options* screen.

Difficulty

Select the difficulty level of the game. Press the **D-Button** LEFT or RIGHT to select EASY, NORMAL or HARD.

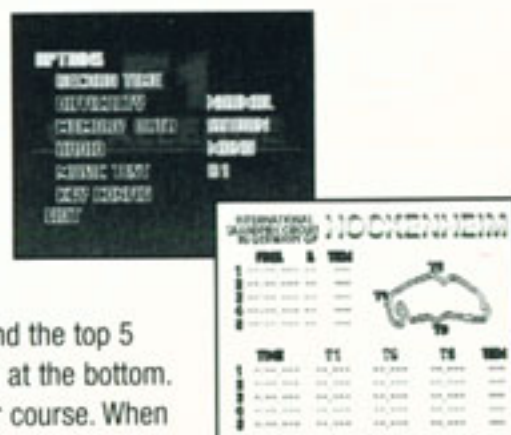
Memory Data

You can save the Record Time data on the internal RAM of the Sega Saturn or on the Sega Saturn Backup (sold separately). Before play, press **Button A** or **C** to access this feature. Select SATURN to select the internal RAM, or CARTRIDGE to select the Backup. The data appears on-screen automatically when you access the *Record Time* option.

Important: Inserting the Sega Saturn Backup into the Sega Saturn while the power is on can result in damage to the Backup. Be sure to insert the Backup cartridge into the Sega Saturn before the Sega Saturn is turned on.

Audio

Choose either stereo (STEREO) or monaural (MONO) sound. Press the **D-Button** LEFT or RIGHT to select.



Music Test

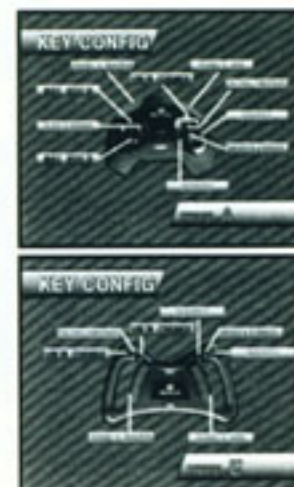
Play any of the background music tracks of this game. Press the **D-Button** LEFT or RIGHT to highlight a track number, and **Button A** or **C** to play the track. Press **Button B** to stop the track.

Key Config.

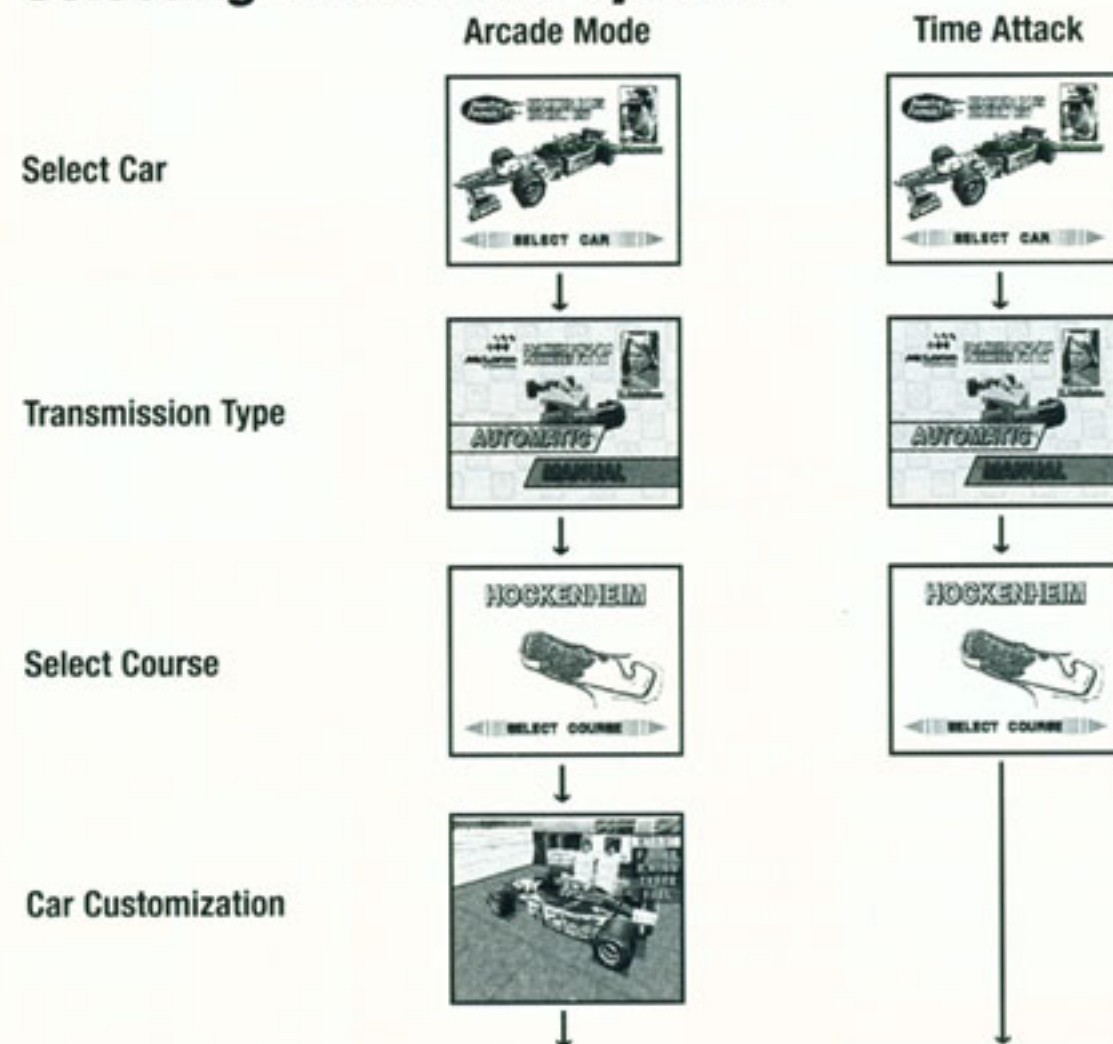
Use this option to change the button functions on your Sega Saturn Control Pad or Sega Saturn Arcade Racer. Press **Button A** or **C** to access this option, and press the **D-Button** LEFT or RIGHT to bring up the next configuration. After you have selected a configuration, press **Button A, B** or **C** to return to the *Options* screen.

Exit

When finished, highlight EXIT and press the **Confirm Button**. The *Mode Select* screen appears.



Selecting Modes and Options



THE RACE IS ON
(See page 9 for more game features.)

When you are finished practicing in the *Time Attack* mode, press **Start** to bring up the *Pause* window (see *Early Retirement*, page 10). After you retire from the race, the *Time Attack Result* screen appears. Your top 10 Lap Times and their Split Times are listed. Press **Button A** or **C** to return to the *Select Course* screen.

Selection Screens

Select Car

Choose the machine which will lead you to victory! Press the **D-Button** LEFT or RIGHT to move to the next car and driver. Choose from 5 authentic Formula-1 teams. Press the **Confirm Button** to select.

Transmission Type

Select either an automatic or manual transmission. Press the **D-Button** UP or DOWN and press the **Confirm Button** to select.

Select Course

Now it's time to choose the battleground. Choose a course as you would your machine. **Note:** Press **Button B** at any time before selecting the course to return to the *Select Car* screen, if desired.

Car Customization

Stylize your car and create a dream machine. Press the **D-Button** UP or DOWN to highlight and the **Confirm Button** to access any of the features listed on the next page. Press the **D-Button** UP or DOWN to change the setting. Press the **Confirm Button** when finished to return to the *Car Customization* screen. If you press **Button B**, you return to the *Car Customization* screen with the default setting.

F. Wing (Front Wing)

Position your Front Wing through this option. There are 5 settings available. If you select a setting of 5, when you turn corners your car slips only slightly. However, car acceleration is slowed and highest speed attainable is lowered. If a setting of 1 is chosen, acceleration is faster and top speed is higher, but your car is susceptible to slipping when making turns.

R. Wing (Rear Wing)

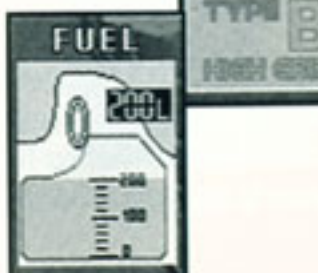
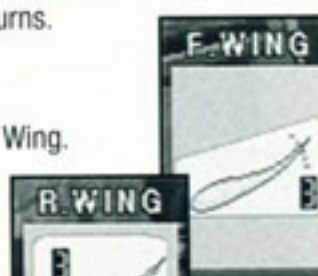
This feature is similar to F. Wing. Make the setting as you would for F. Wing.

Tires

Select the tire type: either TYPE A LONG LIFE or TYPE B HIGH GRIP. When you select the Type B tire, you have better control when making turns than the Type A, but they wear out faster.

Fuel

Select the amount of fuel you have at the beginning of the race. Select from 10 - 200 liters (in increments of 10). The more gasoline you have, the less often you need to stop in the pit for a refill. However, the less gasoline you have, the faster your car accelerates. When finished making your changes, highlight **START** and press the **Confirm Button**. Get ready to tear up the road!



Game Features

Driving

When the green lights are lit, the race begins. Get off to a quick start by holding down **Button B** while the red lights are still lit. Refer to the button functions on pages 4 and 5 for driving your car. These are the default functions. You can change the button functions if desired (see **Key Config.**, page 7).



View Change

There are two views in this game: cockpit and raised rear. Experiment with both to find the one that works best for you. Press **Button X** or **Z** to toggle between views.

Cockpit View



Raised Rear View



Rear Mirror

You can catch the action happening behind you with the Rear Mirror. Press **Button Y** to display/remove the window. For *Arcade Mode* only.



Curves

You'll need to learn how to handle curves if you're going to keep your car in good condition and make a good time. Otherwise, you'll collide with the wall and need to visit the pit to keep your car going.



According to the course, curves are highlighted with different colors. Some are highlighted by orange and white guard rails, and the most difficult are highlighted by yellow and black warning signs. Watch for these in the distance and prepare for the turn, otherwise you'll wind up eating rail.



There are several ways you can slow down for a curve:

- Release the button you press to accelerate the car
- Tap the button used for braking
- Downshift (manual transmission only)

Experiment to find which works best for you. When coming out of the curve, hold down the button used for acceleration for best results.



The Pit

If you collide too much with walls and/or other cars, you'll need to change your damaged tires or you'll start sliding all over the road. The same will happen if you have been racing with TYPE B HIGH GRIP tires for more than a few laps. Time to head for the pit. You should also head for the pit when your fuel is running low. The pit is located on the right side of the track near the start/finish line, either before it or after it (depending on the course).



In the pit, your crew changes the tires and adds fuel to your gas tank. Press the **D-Button LEFT** or **RIGHT** to select the tire type. Next, press the **D-Button DOWN** to access the fuel indicator. Hold the **D-Button LEFT** or **RIGHT** until the desired amount of fuel is indicated by the highlighted needle. You cannot remove fuel already in your car. You have 10 seconds to make your choices. Press the **Confirm Button** once you have made your selections. The highlighted selections are automatically chosen if the counter reaches zero.

Early Retirement

If you want to quit a race, press **Start**. The *Pause* window appears. Highlight **RETIRE** to quit the game, or **CANCEL** to resume the game. Press the **Confirm Button** to make your selection. When you quit a race the game returns to the *Select Course* screen.



Screen Features

Arcade Mode

- Lap**
Shows the number of the current lap.
- Lap Time**
The times for the current lap (top) and for the race so far (below) are listed. Your fastest lap in the race so far is shown in yellow.
- Course**
A map of the course.
- Position**
Your current position in the race.
- Rear Mirror**
For info on this, see page 9.
- Indicators**
Your engine's revolutions per minute (rpm), current gear of the car, fuel level (in increments of 10 liters), and speed.



Time Attack Mode

- Lap Time**
Lists the times for the last 8 laps you have run in the current race.
- Course**
A map of the course.
- Split Time**
The total time and the Split Times for the current lap. There is one Split Time for each section of the course.
- Best Time**
Gives the best total lap time and Split Times in your race so far.
- Indicators**
Your engine's revolutions per minute (rpm), current gear of the car, fuel level (in increments of 10 liters), and speed.



Course Descriptions

Neo City Novice

This is a good course to run when first learning to play. The straightaway is long and the course has very few turns. The greatest challenge of the course is the hairpin turn in the middle of the course.

Neo City Advanced

Several consecutive sharp curves are the highlight of this course. The middle of the course consists of a hairpin turn followed by two sharp turns, the most difficult part of your run.

Neo City Expert

The second half of the Expert course is the same as the Advanced course, but the similarity ends there. A series of hairpin turns and tight curves in the first half guarantees that your driving skills are tested to their limit.

Hockenheim

The course at Hockenheim has several difficult curves. A hairpin turn at the end of the course is the most challenging part. This part of the course is misleading and you'll wind up on the wall if you aren't careful. Take our word for it.

Suzuka

Suzuka is a twisting and winding course. It has everything: a series of sharp turns, a mean hairpin, and a long straightaway towards the end of the track. Make sure you stop in the pit as your tires take a lot of wear and tear.

Monte Carlo

Race through picturesque Monte Carlo. The course is a mix of tight corners and long, uninterrupted stretches. Be aware that cars sometimes "bunch up" around the tight turns, making traffic heavy.

Game Tips from the Pit

- Use the *Time Attack* mode for practice. You will have no rivals, and plenty of time to perfect your driving.
- Watch computer-controlled cars, especially as they go around curves. They usually run on the best parts of the course.
- Collisions are your greatest enemy. If you continually collide with a certain part of the course, you are guaranteed to lose time and damage your car. Access the *Time Attack* mode and perfect your run!
- Don't worry about slowing down and losing time at the turns—your rivals do it, and unless you want to eat guard rail, take the corners cautiously.

Neo City Novice



Neo City Advanced



Neo City Expert



Hockenheim



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